

HONOLULU RAIL TRANSIT

HART

PROJECT UPDATE

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HONOLULU AUTHORITY for RAPID TRANSPORTATION

HART Embarks on Construction of Rail Guideway Foundations and Columns



Construction workers from Kiewit Infrastructure West begin to drill 40-foot holes in East Kapolei for the construction of the columns that will support the rail system guideway.

Near the intersection of Old Farrington Highway and Kualakai Parkway (formerly North-South Road), work on the columns that will support the rail transit guideway has begun.

Makai of Old Farrington Highway, those passing by can see the construction site where the arm of a large crane supports a drilling rig and auger that are cutting a shaft approximately 40-feet deep.

The shaft will be filled with rebar and concrete to form the foundation anchoring the first guideway column. Other foundations and columns will follow in the weeks ahead, marking the guideway's path from Old Farrington Highway site toward Fort Weaver Road and Waipahu.

Workers from contractor Kiewit Infrastructure West Company will be erecting some 50 columns between along that path during the next several months. Kiewit Vice President Lance Wilhelm estimates his company will have about 250 people working on this phase of construction.

The Federal Transit Administration gave its concurrence for the work to begin after determining that no historic properties within the area would be affected by the project.

"I'm very gratified to see people at work," said HART Executive Director Dan Grabauskas. "At work both because of the jobs, but also at work because, after a long time of discussion about how we're going to solve the terrible traffic problems on the H-1, it's just great to see construction start on the fixed guideway columns."



HART & CEO Dan Grabauskas (center) talks with media about column construction.

Greater Transparency: HART Posts Additional Project Documents

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) has posted on its website the entire 150,000-page Administrative Record for the public to read and examine in a searchable, user-friendly format.

The Administrative Record is a collection of documents that includes reports, emails, correspondence and other materials related to the federal approval of the project. Sixty-eight additional documents totaling more than 5,000 pages have also been posted.

"HART is the official source of project information and providing the public with access to documents related to the rail project is important," said HART Executive Director and CEO Dan Grabauskas. "As the largest public works project in our state's history, it is imperative that we be transparent, fiscally responsible and responsive. We will continue to share information about the project and increase the amount and type of information made available online."

The Administrative Record consists of 14,000 documents. And the website uploads were done in-house in collaboration with the City's Department of Information Technology (DIT) headed by City Chief Information Officer Gordon Bruce.

"Thanks to the assistance and expertise of Director Bruce and his staff, we were able to get this done quickly, efficiently and in a manner that best serves the public," Grabauskas said.

The Administrative Record is located in the "Library" section of the project website at www.HonoluluTransit.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) will participate in the following events and/or have meetings open to the community. For the most up-to-date information, dates and times on events, visit www.HonoluluTransit.org.

HART Finance Committee Meeting

Thurs., June 7, 2012 | 8:00 a.m.

Mission Memorial Annex Conference Room
550 S. King Street, Honolulu

HART Project Oversight Committee Meeting

Thurs., June 7, 2012 | 9:00 a.m.

Mission Memorial Annex Conference Room
550 S. King Street, Honolulu

HART Transit-Oriented Development Committee Meeting

Thurs., June 21, 2012 | 8:00 a.m.

Mission Memorial Annex Conference Room
550 S. King Street, Honolulu

HART Board Committee Meeting

Thurs., June 21, 2012 | 9:00 a.m.

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* Please note that events are subject to change. For current information about events, visit the project website at www.HonoluluTransit.org.



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GET Revenue Remains Ahead of Projections

Revenue from the half-percent GET surcharge, is keeping Honolulu's rail project ahead of projections. The City received \$48.25 million in General Excise and Use Tax (GET) revenue for the first quarter of 2012 for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project, bringing to \$858.73 million the total GET revenue received to date.

The cumulative total is \$8 million dollars more than was forecast for this point in time in the latest financial plan.

"The GET revenue continues to be good news for the rail project," said Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Executive Director and CEO Dan Grabauskas. "Although down a bit from the quarter prior, taxpayers should know the project's finances remain strong, and position us well to bring the rail project in on time and on budget."

The HART Board's Finance Committee Chairman Don Horner said, "We remain ahead of projected revenues, and have now collected 25 percent of the total GET. The City received 16.5 percent more revenue over the past four quarters than it received in the previous year (\$193.4 million vs. \$165.9 million), reflecting the growth in our state's tourism industry. HART has 50 percent of the rail project's total construction costs under contract already and is nearly \$300 million under planned expenses. In terms of both revenues and costs, the rail project's financing is solid."

The state began collecting the half percent GET surcharge dedicated to the Honolulu rail system in January 2007. The surcharge is set to expire at the end of 2022. At that time, the cost of the construction of the rail system will be paid for in full, with no remaining debt.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As work picks up along Farrington and Kamehameha highways in Leeward O'ahu, motorists should be aware of increased work activity along the rail route. Utility relocation work continues in Ewa and Waipahu in preparation for column construction in those areas later this year. Soil testing also continues in the Aiea and Pearl City area.

Archaeological survey work continues along the urban Honolulu and airport sections of the rail route. The survey work being done in Kalihi, downtown, Kaka'ako, and near Honolulu Airport will aid project staff in their design of

the elevated guideway. Trenching work is expected to run through Fall 2012.

Drivers should obey posted traffic signs, be aware of construction work zones up ahead, and slow down for the safety of the construction crews, as well as other motorists. Motorists are advised to provide a safe distance between themselves and the construction workers and vehicles.

Drivers should also anticipate possible traffic delays or use alternate routes during construction work hours.

For weekly construction updates, please visit the project website at www.HonoluluTransit.org or contact our hotline at (808) 566-2299.

